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KEVIN NICHOLS NAMED NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE



Kevin D. Nichols has been named Scout Executive for Voyageurs Area Council starting September 1, 2006. Nichols comes to Voyageurs Area Council from Clinton Valley Council, Pontiac, Michigan where he has been serving as Director of Field Service/Chief Operations Officer since 2002. He has been with the Clinton Valley Council

since 1996 also serving as Finance Director and Program Director. His Scouting career began in 1988 when he was named District Executive in Galesburg, Illinois. Nichols also served as Senior District Executive in

Pontiac from 1992-93 and in the same position in Rockford, Illinois from 1993-96.

Kevin and his wife Karen are both originally from east central Illinois. They have three sons and a daughter. Their oldest two sons are both Eagle Scouts and their youngest son recently achieved the Arrow of Light award. Their daughter has been involved with Girl Scouts. Both Kevin and Karen have been active leaders in their children's Scouting experience. They have also been active in their church, school and community.

Kevin enjoys the outdoors, team sports, golfing and spending time with family and friends. Karen likes to go hiking and identify wildflowers

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

"Get in on the Fun!"
Saturday, September 28

Mark your calendars now so you can "**Get in on the Fun!**" at the University of Scouting. On Saturday, October 28, we will be holding the University of Scouting at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet. **Lynne Smith**, Chairman, and her staff are working hard to make sure this event offers training opportunities for everyone from the new Tiger Cub leaders to the experienced District Committee members. They want to make sure that this is one of the highlights of the Council training program for this year.

The University of Scouting is an all-day supplemental training event for adult volunteers of all experience levels. It offers useful hands-on training and opportunities to network with other volunteers. You will be able to choose up to six classes out of a list of over fifty classes offered. Or you may take one of our all day training sessions - Basic Training for all Commissioners, Venture Adult

Leader Specific Training, or Trainer Development. We will also be offering Den Chief Training for the youth leadership of your Troop.

Pre-registration is required for the University. The fee is \$15 per person, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is October 21.

A place to stay for Scouters coming from the far ends of our Council will be available again this year. Arrangements have been made for the Cloquet Armory to be open for participants to stay Friday evening at no cost. There will be no special check-in time. Restrooms and showers are available, but you have to provide your own sleeping bag, cot or mat. Restaurants and a theater is right next door for your evening entertainment.

You can download registration forms from the Council website at www.vac-bsa.org or contact the Council Service Center at (218) 729-5811 or (800) 939-5811.

Voyageurs Area Council Launches NEW Website

If you haven't checked out the Council website recently, you are in for a big surprise. We have upgraded to a more comprehensive site that will keep you up to date on all Council and District activities. The Voyageurs Area Council is dedicated to serving all of our members and charter partners. This new Website is designed to give you the most up to date information and materials to help you offer the best Scouting program around.

Currently this website offers: Calendar information, Contact information, Training information, District information and it will be growing each day. Please bear with us as we add new content and update areas which may currently appear blank.

Please let us know what you would like to see on our website. We want to fill it with as much information as possible to aid you in your program. Email us with any suggestions at abraff@vac-bsa.org.

Along the Trail Scout Executive Comments

In my first few days as the new Scout Executive for our Council, I have traveled to several communities, including Grand Rapids, Hibbing, and Buyck. I have traveled to Camp Horace Johnson and Camp Newman. I have attended Council Training and Fall WAC committee meetings. I have spent time with the youth and adult Arrowmen of our OA lodge. I have even attended a UMD football game. I have enjoyed meeting all of the Scouts and volunteers during my short time here and I look forward to meeting hundreds more and traveling to all the counties and communities we serve in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin and the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Even in just my first few days here in Voyageurs Area Council, I knew that I had made the right decision to interview and serve as your Scout Executive. There were a number of reasons and they included the honor to serve a Council with a great tradition of quality program, the wonderful resources that the north woods can provide a Scout unit and my family, and the great enthusiasm and can-do spirit of the volunteers in this Council.

If I have not met you yet or traveled to your community, I hope to see you in the near future. I plan on visiting each District this fall and winter with other key volunteers and your professional partners through "fireside chats." These informal visits will provide you with a town-hall style format to share your ideas and thoughts. Our goal together should be to continue to improve the entire Scouting program for the kid's sake.

Kevin Nichols,

Scout Executive



National Bank of Commerce Vice President - Private Banking Manager, Bill Arezzo, (center) presented a \$3,500 check to Voyageurs Area Council #286 for the 2006 Holiday Social Fundraiser to Kevin Nichols, Scout Executive, (left) and Dave Marshall, Chairman of the event (right).

The Holiday Social fundraiser helps to provide additional funds to help meet the financial challenges of supporting the Scouting program in the communities of Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and the western Upper Peninsula in Michigan.

ADAM HAGLIN NEW SLEEPING GIANT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE



Adam Haglin has assumed the position of District Executive for the Sleeping Giant District. He will be responsible for giving

direction to over 1,000 youth members and 300 adult volunteers throughout the District.

Haglin recently completed his Master's Degree in English at Mankato State University. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Haglin previously served as Exploring Executive for the Voyageurs Area Council.

We wish Adam well in his new position with the Sleeping Giant District.

MEMORIALS

The Voyageurs Area Council Tribute Fund is a program through which donors may acknowledge a friend, relative, or business associate in the form of recognition or congratulations or as a memorial in the time of sorrow.

The Voyageurs Area Council has received the following memorials:

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT "JACKPINE BOB" CARY

Mark Signorelli

IN MEMORY OF BOB KREIGER

Richard C. Olson

IN MEMORY OF DOUGAL THOMSON

Roger & Marian Braff

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Kevin Nichols - Scout Executive

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ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER SCHEDULED

Dave Choquette, Voyageurs Area Council President, announced that the Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 in the Harborside Ballroom at the DECC in Duluth. The dinner will start with a social hour at 6:00 PM followed by the banquet at 6:45 PM.

Prior to the Recognition Dinner, the Council will hold the Annual Meeting at 5:00 PM. The 2007 Executive Board and Council officers will be elected at that time.

The Annual Recognition Dinner is our opportunity to recognize those Scouters who have made 2006 successful for the Voyageurs Area Council. The Silver Beaver Award will be presented that evening.

Registration forms for the Annual Recognition Dinner will be available from Council staff members and on the Council website at www.vac-bsa.org. If you would like one mailed to you, contact the Council Service Center at (218) 729-5811.

SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Nominations are due for the 2006 Silver Beaver Award. Applications should be submitted to the Council Service Center no later than December 15.

A committee will select the Silver Beaver recipients based on their outstanding commitment to youth. Any Scouter can nominate any individual for the Silver Beaver Award. This award is the highest award the Council can bestow on a volunteer on the local Council level.

The Silver Beaver Awards will be presented at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner scheduled for January 27, 2007 in the Harborside Ballroom at the DECC in Duluth.

If you would like an application for the award mailed to you, please contact the Council Service Center or you can download the application from the Council website at www.vac-bsa.org.

2006 POPCORN SALE

The first session of the 2006 Fall Popcorn Sale is well underway. Units that are participating in the first session are reminded that the sale continues until October 22. Your unit orders are due into the Council Service Center by **10:00 AM** on Monday, October 23. The tentative date for picking up your popcorn is November 2. All units will be contacted when the date is confirmed. The money and paperwork for this session is due in the Council Service Center by November 20.

Session 2 of the Popcorn Sale begins on October 28 and runs through November 20. Orders are due by **10:00 AM** on Tuesday, November 21.

If your unit has not signed up to

sell popcorn, it is not too late. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity for all units. This year, the base commission is 25% of your sales. You can earn an additional 3% if you attend you District's Popcorn Kick-Off training session and order in case lots.

If you have any questions concerning the popcorn sale, contact your District Popcorn Chairman or the Council Service Center at (218) 729-5811 or (800) 939-5811.

District Popcorn Chairmen

North Star	Pam Evens
Great Bear	Melinda Ferrell
Wah Da Bong	Colleen Alton
Gitche Gumeew	Brad Edstrom
Sleeping Giant	Terilee Buggert
Paul Bunyan	Todd Glen

11TH ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING CONFERENCE



There is still time to register your Law Enforcement Explorer Post for the annual conference and competition. The

conference is scheduled for October 20-22 at Spirit Mountain. **Marcus Bruning**, Chairman, is very pleased with the projections for this year's conference..

The three-day event for Law Enforcement Explorers offers the opportunity to participate in various law enforcement training events. The Explorers and their leaders will spend their time fine tuning their law enforcement skills.

For information on the Law Enforcement Conference, contact Marcus at (218) 726-2111 or the Council Service Center at (218) 729-5811.

OKPIK COLD WEATHER TRAINING

The Northern Tier High Adventure Base is offering OKPIK Cold Weather Leader Training on December 2-3, 2006 at Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely. This training, for adult leaders 18 or older, is to help leaders be more comfortable conducting winter outings. Classes will be conducted indoors, but students should be prepared for some outdoor demonstrations. The cost for this course is \$22 per person, which includes all meals. Pre-registration is required. For more specific information about the weekend, contact **Doug** or **Don** at Northern Tier at (218) 365-4811, X 112. To register, submit your name to the Council Service Center. Do not send your registration fee to the Council. You will pay at the door when you get to Northern Tier.



**Commissioner's
Corner
Rock Gillson**

Have you heard all the latest News?!? Voyageurs Area Council is preparing for the Centennial Year of Scouting!! The Commissioner Staff welcomes **Kevin Nichols**, our Scout Executive, to steer us into this Exciting Year!! The Centennial Quality Unit Award is unfolding and you need to be sure that your Unit is a part of this new & exciting five year plan based on the five Pillars---ask a Commissioner for details. As we wrap up summer camp, High Adventures, NOAC, and countless weekend treks--be sure to keep camping in your agenda. There are Fall camporees, WAC, and unit events to keep boys camping and using their skills. Developing skills takes time and training.

Training opportunities are available at District levels, be sure to attend your Basic and Leader Specific. To further your knowledge, mark your calendar for the University of Scouting on October 28. A day of learning for Cubbing, Scouting, & Venturing, along with Den Chief Training. Don't stop there! Sign up for Wood Badge, a tremendous way to network and learn!!

As the holidays approach, find a minute to consider your Good Turn Projects. Be sure to take the time to log the hours at the Good Turn recording system for the 2006 year. We will continue to work on the Scouting Spirit Project and appreciate everyone's help.

Play Time!! Don't forget to make Summer Plans!! World Jamboree applications are still available for youth and IST staff for 2007. Check out the Council adventures that will be taking place and continue to support District events. Troops/Crews need to encourage all Scouts to participate in summer camp and other outings. Cubs are encouraged to attend Day Camp and have a creative Summertime Pack Program. Year round fun for ALL ages takes time, energy and planning. I invite each Cub and Scout to ask another youth to become involved in Scouting. Ventures, be sure to help your Crew grow and adults can always ask another adult to join. Share the adventure that Scouting holds! It is our 100th Anniversary, lets show our communities what Scouting is about and has to offer. Continue to light the path for others and show them that the qualities expressed in the twelve points are steadfast and have withstood the test of time.

.On the Trail,
Rock

Dear Scouters,

On behalf of Peggy and myself, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the great Scouters throughout the Voyageurs Area Council whom we have had the opportunity to work with during our tenure as your Scout Executive. It will be a part of our life in Scouting that we will always cherish and never forget.

The highlight of being a professional Scouter is the opportunity to work with great volunteers who believe in the future of our country through their commitment to youth. The volunteers of the Voyageurs Area Council truly exemplify all that Scouting looks for when recruiting quality people, to provide our program of character building, citizenship training, and physical fitness development for the youth of our Council.

We will be moving to the state of Washington to be closer to our family, but will look forward to our trips back to the Midwest, especially to Duluth, to visit the numerous friends we have made through Scouting.

I plan to stay active in Scouting as a member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Again, our thanks to all of you who made the job of Scout Executive so enjoyable.

Sincerely,
Loren Stach

School Night for Scouting

The Voyageurs Area Council had a very successful "Race to Cub Scouting" School Night for Scouting with 700 new Scouts and their families joining the fun of Scouting.

All units are reminded that it is never too late to sign up for the fun of Scouting. Encourage your current Scouts to earn the Recruiters Badge when they get a friend to join the fun.

Packs, there is still time for you to earn Pinewood Derby cars for the

rest of your Pack. Packs have until October 31 to turn in new applications to qualify for the "Drive for Five" program. Any Cub Scout Pack that exceeds last year's December 31 membership by five boys will receive a **FREE** pinewood derby kit for all the boys in the Pack. Make sure you follow up on all boys that attended your School Night but did not sign up that night.

Special thanks go out to all volunteers who helped make this year's School Nights a success.

Religious Awards

The following Scouts have earned the Religious Award for their faith:

God and Me

Tyler Anttila	Deer River
Gunner Harris	Deer River
Michael Shaw	Deer River
Cody Shevich	Deer River
Thomas Florestano	Duluth

God and Family

Nicholas Mykkanen	Cloquet
Jeshuah Peterson	Cloquet
Anthony Branning	Cloquet
Adam Laine	Cloquet

A Season of Webelos Action Camps - 2006



Webelos Action Camp have been a great success again this year. A very special "Thank You" goes out to all who helped to make this year's WAC's a great experience.

Todd Reynolds, Chairman of our Spring WAC and all the staff provided a memorable camp for all who attended at the Great Lakes Visitors Center, near Ashland. The dog sled team was one of the many highlights. Thank you Todd for all your efforts!

Brad Edstrom provided the usual great program at the Balsam Community Center that concentrated on many of the Webelos advancement requirements. It could not have happened without their team effort. Again, a big thank you Brad!

We would also like to thank Chairman **Sue Meyer** and her staff, who at this writing, are working hard to make the Fall WAC at Driftwood Estates a great success

JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

The Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI), which is scheduled for October 21-22, 2006, is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

During this weekend, thousands of Scouts from all over the world meet and communicate with each other over the internet. Scout groups can combine this event with the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA).

You can start by going to the JOTI website: www.joti.org. This site has all the information needed to start using JOTI, including the software you need to participate fully.

If you would like more information on Jamboree-on-the-Internet, contact the Council Service Center.

WORLD JAMBOREE

The 21st World Jamboree is scheduled for July 27-August 8, 2007 in Chelmsford, Essex, England. The Jamboree will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Scouting at the birthplace of the Scouting movement. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, Leaders, and staff for twelve days of adventure, international friendships, personal growth, and development. The theme for the World Jamboree is "One World, One Promise."

Ten Scouts and Venturers will represent the Voyageurs Area Council as part of the Central Region Contingent to the Jamboree. They are: **Sara Gillson** and **Caleb Gillson**, Buyck; **Bryce Hebert**, Barnum; **Seth Iverson**, **Michael Jordan**, and **Timothy Larson**, Hibbing; **Jackson Lesar**, Virginia; **Danica Lowry**, Saginaw; and **Peter Anderson** and **Daniel McKenzie**, Bovey.

The Central Region Contingent still has openings for anyone who is interested in attending the World Jamboree. If you are interested in attending the World Jamboree, or would like more information, contact the Council Service Center at (218) 729-5811.

49th JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

October 21-22, 2006

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right, it is common to contact a hundred Scouting countries during the weekend.

Scout units should contact local amateur ham radio operators to take part in this world-wide event.

If you would like more information on the Jamboree-on-the-Air, contact the Council Service Center.

BOY SCOUT RECRUITMENT & RETENTION DVD

A new recruitment and retention DVD package will be direct mailed to all registered Scoutmasters during the first week of October. This package will contain two DVDs and a sample recruiter patch to be given to Boy Scouts who recruit a new Boy Scout this fall. One DVD presents video programs on membership and recruitment methods. Leaders are encouraged to liberally copy it, in whole or in part, for viewing by troop parents and other interested volunteers.

The second DVD focuses on retention by offering video programs describing each of the requirements for Boy Scouting's early ranks - Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Boy leaders and adult leaders can duplicate this DVD and offer it in whole or piecemeal to new Scouts working on their early ranks as a method to encourage advancement and improve retention. The material on this DVD can also be accessed on the Boy Scout membership website, www.thescoutzone.org or the National BSA website, www.scouting.org, for direct viewing

AMAZON ADVENTURE 2006

With summer now over, we can now look back at the great Day Camps we had. Over 1,100 Cub Scouts took their turn at such things as crafts, archery, BB guns, egg drop, panning for gold and many other adventures.

A **huge** thank you goes out to all the Day Camp Directors, Program Directors, staff members and walkers who helped make all our Day Camps the huge success they were.

Under the leadership of **Donna Armstrong**, Council Chairman, the Day Camp Committee is hard at work planning next year's camps.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 6-8 Fall Camporee, Chambers Grove
- 7 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, 9AM-4PM, at Camporee
- 12 Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, 7-9PM Service Center
- 12 All Leaders Roundtable
- 15 OA Chapter Mtg
- 26 District Meeting, 7PM Council Service Center
- 26 Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, 7-9PM Service Center
- 28 Scouting For Food

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 4 Cub Scout Fall Hike, 10AM-12PM, Harley Nature Center, Duluth
- 9 All Leaders Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Call Night, 6:30PM
- 16 District Meeting, 7PM Council Service Center
- 18 Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, 10AM-2:30PM
- 21 Friends of Scouting Presenter's Training, 7PM, Service Center
- 28 Webelos to Scout Transition Seminar,
- 30 Boy Scout, Life to Eagle Seminar, 7PM Service Center

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 3 Tiger Cub Skate Party, TBA, World of Wheels, Superior
- 7 Klondike Staff Mtg
- 10 OA Chapter Mtg
- 12 FOS Training
- 14 All Leaders Roundtable
- 28 District & Calendar Planning Meeting, 7PM Council Service Center

Scouting For Food - Welcome home from a fun-filled summer of Scouting activities and family adventures. We're entering a busy time of year in Scouting. One specific event that I would like to mention is the Scouting for Food Drive that will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Many Scout units have been involved in this event over the years and it is my hope this year that every unit within the immediate Duluth area participates in the food drive. Please attend the September 14 & October 12 Leaders Roundtable meeting at the Council Service Center and sign your unit up for the food drive, designating a neighborhood to canvass. I'll see you there.

Popcorn Sale 2006 - If your unit is not signed up yet, please call **Barry** at the Council Service Center as soon as possible and he will get a sales packet put together for your coordinator. It's a great fundraiser that will help your unit get the money it needs to put on a **GREAT** program.

Adult Leader Training - Cub Scout Leaders Training sessions will be held on October 12 & 26, 7-9:30 pm (both nights) at the Council Service Center. The session offered on October 12 is: *New Leader Essentials* (open to all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders). On October 26, *Cub Scout Leader Specific Training* (for all adult Cub Scouters) will be offered. CSLBT will also be offered on Saturday, November 18, 10 am-2:30 pm in Duluth at the Council Service Center. To register to attend one or more of these sessions, please contact the Council Service Center no later than one week before the course.

The 4th Annual Webelos to Scouts Transition Program - Tuesday, November 28, 2006, 6:30-8:00 PM, Location TBA

Come and meet representatives from most of the Boy Scout Troops in the North Star District. Find out when and where local Troops meet, learn about summer camp, learn about the Scouting program, and earn requirements towards your Arrow of Light award.

This meeting is a great opportunity to experience some of the cool stuff a Boy Scouts does. Pre-registration is requested by calling the Scout Council Service Center (218-729-5811). For more information please contact **Grant Forsyth**, District Advancement Chairman, @ 218-624-1626.

Boy Scout Fall Camporee, October 6-8, Chambers Grove - In the years that the North Star District Fall Camporee has been held, it has always challenged the boys to improve their Scout and camping skills, while having a lot of fun.

Take time now to put the Camporee on your Troops schedule and promote it with the Scouts. Webelos- plan to attend as guests of your local Boy Scout Troop. Your annual program will get a jump-start and the boys will be meeting advancement requirements. . For more information or to volunteer as a Camporee staff member contact the Camporee Chairman, **Dave Blazevic**, at 626-3478. We want you to join in on the fun.

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training - The District will be conducting a Boy Scout Leader Specific Training course at the Great Bear / North Star District Fall Camporee on October 7, from 9AM - 4PM. The Training is part of the newly formatted Adult Leader Training Program. This training program is open to all registered adult leaders, but is specifically geared to Boy Scout Troop Leaders and Committee Members. Scoutmaster & Assistant Leader Specific is for all Scoutmasters and assistants. It is *required* along with the *New Leader Essentials* and *Outdoor Leader Skills* to consider yourself "Trained". Pre-registration requested by calling the Council Service Center (218-729-5811). Please register not later than 10/4.

All Leaders Roundtable Update - This school-year the Leaders Roundtable meetings will be held on the Second Thursday of every month. The Roundtable is a monthly help/information meeting for ALL Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. Handouts include Pack & Troop Program Helps, and ideas for helping plan the next months' den, pack and troop meetings, upcoming activities and events. Troops - feel free to bring your youth leadership as well.

Commissioner's Call Night is coming - Commissioner's Call Night is the first step in rechartering. It's a way for the District staff to check membership registration before the recharter packets are issued. On November 13, after supper, Unit Commissioners and

members of the District staff will be calling assigned unit leaders and asking them to read their unit's membership roster. The staff will check the read names against a Council supplied roster. Changes in position and unlisted names will be recorded and forwarded to the Council Registrar, who will then update council membership records. The process only takes a couple minutes, but saves a lot of effort at recharter time.

Tiger Cub Roller Skating Party - Here is an opportunity for your pack's Tiger Cub Dens to attend a fun family event! This event will be held at the World of Wheels Skate Center

(1218 Oakes Ave in Superior) on Sunday, December 3 starting at 5 PM and ending at 7 PM. All Tiger Cubs and their families (parents, brothers and sisters) are invited to participate. Details and registration will be mailed separately to each Cub Scout Pack.

Life to Eagle Orientation - will be held on Thursday, November 30 at the Council Service Center starting at 7 PM. The session is designed to help Star and Life Scouts understand the process of advancing to the rank of Eagle. **Morrie Moe** and **Grant Forsyth** will be leading the discussion, which will include a detailed explanation

of how to complete the Life to Eagle Workbook and how to document service project work. This is a great chance for Scouts, parents, Scoutmasters and Troop Advancement Committee members to get answers to their questions about what is ahead.

A Special Thank-you to our District Day Camp Hosts! Mary Hoffman at the Sundew Camps. Markey Dwyer at French Club, Chris Anderson at Horace Johnson 1, and Harold White at Horace Johnson 2. Special Thanks also to Nancy Nebel at Canal Park Day Camp. Salute!!

GREAT BEAR

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- 14 Cub Scout Ldr Trng, 10AM-2:30PM, Evangelical Free Church, Hinckley
- 17 Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, 7-9PM, Cloquet
- 21 Scouting For Food
- 28 Scouting For Food

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- 12 FOS Training, TBA

14 Leaders Roundtable, 7PM, District Meeting, 8PM, Moose Lake Methodist Church

Popcorn - Thanks to the unit popcorn coordinators signed up for the first session. The sale is well underway and soon enough we'll be at either Berquist Imports in Cloquet or Tobies in Hinckley picking up our orders. Make sure to check out the Popcorn Training DVD for helpful hints and other ideas to help improve your sale! Don't forget about how the popcorn sale fits into the Unit Budget Plan. For more information please check the Council Website at www.vac-bsa.org

Race to Cub Scouting - It is already here (and gone for some)! Great job Pack Race to Cub Scouting Coordinators, Unit Commissioners on a great Race to Cub Scouting! However, there is more work to be done. Units that have not completed their Open House or will be re-doing their efforts to recruit more members, please let your Unit Commissioner, **Donna Armstrong**, 320-384-6597, or **Barry Schull** 218-729-5811, know what we can do to help.

Special Thank you to Deb Peterson, Chris Anderson, & P'Jay Siltanen for the outstanding Cub Scout Day Camp at the Fairgrounds in Barnum. One hundred & twelve Cub Scouts had

an excellent time shooting BB Guns, using Bow & Arrows, making volcanoes, eating "campfires", and having fun. Salute!

Roundtable & District Meeting Update - This School-year the Leaders Roundtable meetings will be held on the Second Thursday of every month at the Moose Lake Methodist Church starting at 7PM. The Roundtable is a monthly help/information meeting for **ALL** Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. Handouts include Pack & Troop Program Helps, and ideas for helping plan the next months' Den, Pack and Troop meetings, upcoming activities and events. Troops - feel free to bring your youth leadership as well. Immediately following the Roundtable (8PM) we will have the District Meeting.

Family Friends of Scouting Presentations - In the months of January, February and March, our District Committee will be conducting Friends of Scouting presentations at Pack and Troop meetings. The Friends of Scouting program is the main way that our District and Council raise monies to fund program support given to the Scout units in our area. If your unit already has the date set when you would like to have the presentation held, please contact **Barry Schull**, North Star District Director (729-5811).

WAH DA BONG

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 7 Cub Scout Leader Training, Ashland, 9AM - 3PM
- 13-15 Fall Camporee, Chequamegon Archery Club, Ashland
- 19 District Meeting, Ashland Presbyterian Church, 7 PM
- 21 Scouting For Food

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 16 District Meeting, Hurley Courthouse, 7 PM
- 19 Commissioner Call Night - Inventories

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 9 Cub Scout Leader Training, Woodland Community Church, Ironwood, 9AM - 3PM
- 21 District Meeting, Ashland Presbyterian Church, 7 PM, Christmas Party

Fall Camporee - Please note that the Fall Camporee will be held October 13-15. Your Troop doesn't want to miss out on the fun! Webelos Leaders- remember you can camp out at this event, it would be a great first outing as you begin the new

school year. For more information or to volunteer as a Camporee staff member contact the District Camping & Program Chair, **Lanny Sandstrom**, 715-682-2459.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 4 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, Superior, 5:30 PM
- 10 Key 3 Meeting, Noon, Sammy's
- 10 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, Concordia, Superior
- 12 District Committee Meeting, WITC Room 218, 5:30 PM
- 14 Scouting for Food

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Scout Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, Superior, 5:30 PM (Cub & Boy, due to Election Day)
- 7 Key 3 Meeting, Noon, Sammy's
- 9 District Committee Meeting, WITC Room 218, 5:30 PM
- 19 Commissioner Call Night - Inventories

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Elderly Outreach - Adopt-a-Nursing

- Home or Assisted Living Complex
- 6 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, Superior, 5:30 PM
- 9 Elderly Outreach - Adopt-a-Nursing Home or Assisted Living Complex
- 12 Key 3 Meeting, Noon, Sammy's
- 12 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, Concordia, Superior
- 14 District Committee Meeting, WITC Room 218, 5:30 PM, Christmas Party

Cub Scout Day Camp - I hope you were ready for some fun in the great outdoors! There was a great group of boys and adults out at this year's District Day Camp! Some of the activities that were included in the program this year were: Nature, Crafts, Archery, BB Guns, Games, and a huge water fight. Every year Day Camp provides a memorable experience in the life of every boy that attends. Come and enjoy the experience with your Scout in 2007!

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 New Leader Essentials/Specific Training
- 5 Leader Specific Training
- 5 Roundtable
- 12 District Commissioner Meeting
- 12 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Scouting for Food—Bag Distribution
- 21 Scouting for Food—Pick Up

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Roundtable - Unit Inventory Night
- 9 District Commissioner Meeting
- 9 District Committee Meeting

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 7 Family FOS Presenter Training
- 7 Roundtable

- 14 District Commissioner Meeting
- 14 District Committee Meeting

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 4 Roundtable
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting
- 20 District Dinner
- 26 Community FOS Breakfast

THE RACE TO SCOUTING -

Once again we are in the midst of our Race to Cub Scouting. Each Sleeping Giant Pack made their pre-race game plan, and flew out the gate towards the biggest finish in District history. The goal which we strived to attain this year is the achievement of a successful "Drive for Five." We want to see every Cub Scout with a Pinewood Derby car. Packs are reminded that they have until October 31 to attain their "Drive for Five" goal.

Popcorn, Get Your Popcorn Here! -

This year's Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn Sale is scheduled for September 23 through October 22. Contact our District Popcorn Kernel, **Jerilee Buggert**, (218) 744-5114 or the Scout Office if you need more order forms. You can also go to the Council website and download the forms that you need for the sale. Contact **Jerilee** if you have any questions.

Scouting For Food -

Mobilize your unit for this annual Good Turn Project and help our local community. Bags will be available at our October 5th Roundtable and the collection date will be the 14th. Call **Adam Haglin** to confirm what your unit is doing for this year's campaign.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 7 Scoutmaster & Webelos Leader Specific and Outdoor Training, Camp Kwitherbellyakin
- 12 Pepfest & Scoutmaster Specific Training
- 14 New Leader Essential Training & Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- 14 Webelos Night

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Inventory Night
- 9 Pepfest
- 14 District Roller Skate Night

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 14 Pepfest Christmas Party

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 11 Pepfest
- 20 Polar Daze Build Your Own Sled Derby
- 20 District Dinner

School Nights—Free Cars & Ice Cream Cone Contest -

Thank you and great job to all units on your 2006 "Race to Scouting" School Nights. Many boys will be receiving free pinewood derby car kits and looks like some Packs will also receive a free car for every boy in the Pack. Wow, that's GREAT!! Plus, the Pack and Troop who recruit the highest percentage of boys above their recharter amount will receive an ice cream cone party by the Key 3 at the date of your choice. So, get those registrations in. The deadline for both contests is October 31.

Training! Training! Training! -

Paul Bunyan District is gearing up for its fall training. If you are not trained or know a leader who is in need of training, please get out your calendar and mark these dates.

- **October 7**—Scoutmaster & Webelos Leader Specific and Outdoor Leader Training
- **October 12**-Last half of Scoutmaster Specific Training
- **October 14**-Leader Essential Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- **October 28**-University of Scouting, Cloquet

Popcorn Sale -

The 2006 Popcorn Sale is just around the corner. **Todd Glen**, our District Popcorn Chairman, has been busy calling the units, making sure everyone is signed up to sell. You won't want to miss the October Pepfest because once again, Trail's End Pop-

corn has donated some outstanding prizes that may be used to help promote good sales in your unit. Don't miss the opportunity to earn money for your unit and support our Council. If you are not signed up yet or have any questions, please call **Todd** at (218) 444-4536.

Attention Boy Scout Troops & Cub Scout Packs—Webelos Night Information - This year Webelos Night has been moved from a weeknight to Saturday, October 14. **Wayne Hamre**, our Webelos Night Chairman, is excited to improve this great event. All Webelos Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. All Boy Scout Troops are encouraged to attend. Scoutmasters, call **Wayne** today to sign up for a "show and tell" Scout booth (i.e. first aid, cooking, campfire building, games, etc.). **Wayne** will be sharing the plans with you at Pepfest and via our District website. If you have any questions, contact him at (218) 751-4303.

Fall Camporee - There will not be a Fall Camporee this year. Instead, all Troops should plan to participate in Webelos Night and camp overnight there.

University of Scouting - Don't miss the 2006 University of Scouting, which will be held on Saturday, October 28 at Fond du Lac College in Cloquet. Look in the Council section of this newsletter for more information.

Good Turn for America - Last year, Paul Bunyan District logged in the most hours out of the eight Districts in the Voyageurs Area Council. A lot of boys and leaders are now wearing their Good Turn for America patches and three years of strips. Now, reporting Good Turn for America hours has become a Quality Unit requirement. Quality Unit is every unit's goal for each year of Scouting. So, that makes it even more important to get those service hours entered into the system. **Bill Kennedy**, our District Good Turn for America Chairman, is available to help you if you have any problems in this task. You may contact him at (218) 675-5060 or (218) 547-8425.

District Roller Skate Night - Get ready to skate your foot off! Paul Bunyan District will be hosting the 2006 District Skate Night on Tuesday, November 14 at the Roller Rink in Bemidji. Last year we had a record number attend; there were Scouts everywhere! It was really great to see the parents there too! Wear your uniforms (leave all pins at home) or wear Pack or Troop T-shirt. The Boy Scout Troop with the highest attendance that is also observing mingling a lot with the Cub Scouts will get a free pizza party at a later date. Last year's winner was Troop 82. See you there!

District Award of Merit & Sil-

ver Scout Nominations Due - Attention all Scout leaders! It is time to sit down and think about who are the deserving Scout leaders in our District to receive these prestigious awards. Because these awards are confidential (the recipient does not know they are receiving it), please keep this in mind when gathering information on your nominee. Forms will be available at October Pepfest and due by December 1 to Allison at the District office at: 16126 73rd Ave NW., Cass Lake, MN 56633. This is an absolute deadline! **Darryl Holman** and District Awards Staff will select this year's recipients with the awards presented at the District Dinner.

District Dinner & Polar Daze Build Your Own Sled Derby - January 20, 2007 will be the day that both our District Dinner and the Polar Daze Build Your Own Sled Derby events will take place. After a great day at the sledding hill at Library Park, we will all celebrate "2006 Hooked on Scouting Year" at our District Dinner. Please mark your calendar for both events. If you are interested in being on the committee for either event, call Dave Possin at (218) 444-4890. Polar Dave staff has special staff clothing, so please notify Dave ASAP if you would like to join that crazy group. Flyers for the derby and registrations for the dinner will be forth coming.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 5 Roundtable -Popcorn Packet Distribution
- 7 Scouting for Food

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Roundtable
- 4 Session 2 Popcorn Sale Begins
- 27 Popcorn Orders Due Session 2

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Tentative Popcorn Pickup Session 2
- 7 Roundtable
- 20 Popcorn Paperwork Due Session 2

Change... I have found that in many of my visits with units, we inevitably wind up discussing some sort of change. It might be the changes in our Council, our units, our families or in ourselves. Though change can be difficult at times to adjust to, it can bring some wonderful gifts with it. We might find that the change may bring about a new outlook, a new leader, a new way of doing things

that we have not had the insight to see before now.

I have a flock of chickens at home and it never ceases to amaze me how they can walk around all day doing the same thing. They don't get bored even though they have pecked at that same blade of grass or have seen most of their one acre area a hundred times. They are committed (by instinct) to what I fondly refer to as 'flock mentality'. They do the same old thing over and over again day after day without a thought to changing any-

thing. They never question why they do things a certain way or ask "would I be more efficient if I did things this way?" As a matter of fact, in the chicken world, change is bad. Change causes anxiety, fear, insecurity and many times they just quit laying eggs or other chicken activities.

While we can probably relate on some level to the anxiety or other feelings that change may cause, we also need to realize that the units that succeed (success being happy boys and adults) are the units who do not submit to the

'flock mentality' and welcome or embrace the change that happens within the unit. These changes will more than likely come about because of hectic schedules or other activities and we need to remember to just do what works. There are no two units exactly the same; therefore trial and error can be our assistants in finding what will work. Think outside of the box and encourage your Committee members to do the same. Work together to create the kind of change which will make your unit strong and in turn, will ensure the boys have a great time. Leave the

'flock mentality' behind and work together to find out what changes will be best for those in our units, District and Council.

Popcorn Kickoff at Roundtable

- October 5 is the Popcorn Kickoff at the Roundtable meeting. We will meet from 6-7 PM at the United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids. Make sure to have at least 2 people from your unit at the meeting so that you can get your packet and also to bring information back to your unit about what the rest of our District is doing.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 10 Roundtable, Baudette Wok Restaurant, Noon
- 10 Roundtable, Faith United Church, International Falls, 6:00 PM
- 10 New Leader Essential Training
- 14 Scouting for Food

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 7 Roundtable, Baudette Wok Restaurant, Noon
- 7 Roundtable, Faith United Church, International Falls, 6:00 PM
- 7 Inventory Night

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12 Roundtable, Baudette Wok Restaurant, Noon
- 12 Roundtable, Faith United Church, International Falls, 6:00 PM

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 23 Roundtable, Baudette Wok Restaurant, Noon
- 23 Roundtable, Faith United Church, International Falls, 6:00 PM
- 23 **RECHARTER NIGHT!**

2006 Popcorn Sale Begins - Popcorn sales are here again. This is every unit's chance to earn money to support your Troop, Pack, and very importantly, your Council. If you haven't yet received your Popcorn Packet, please contact North Border Popcorn Chairman, **T a m m y R i l e y** at riley7083@charter.net or (218)

285-7083. Let's make it a record breaking year! Sales began on September 23 and end October 22. Orders must be called in by **10:00 AM** on October 23. Popcorn Pickup will be approximately November 2.

Leader Training - Are you leader trained? If not, please get out your calendar and make plans to attend a training session to complete your training. You've already committed to learning how to do it right. All leaders of all programs need to attend New Leader Essentials Training. This will be offer at the October 10 International Falls Roundtable starting at 6:00 PM. Leader Specific Training dates will be announced shortly. You may attend any training in any District. If you can't make in on October 10, please look at training articles for the other Districts and attend elsewhere. Thanks!! Being a trained leader is very important.

Scouting for Food - North Border Scout Packs and Troops will be participating in "Scouting for Food" On Saturday, October 14. Baudette and International Falls have their own traditional campaign. If you are unsure of the plan, please contact **Tom Mio** or **Carol Gub-bels** in Baudette or **Lois Averill** in International Falls. Last year North Border collected a record amount of food. What a wonderful gift to the communities! Sure would be great to exceed that

amount in 2006!

Fall Camporee - This year there will not be a Fall Camporee. Instead, North Border Troops will camp on their own and put some "out of the box" efforts into recruiting and strengthening the existing Troops. Also, North Border will be working on planning the February 16-18 Klondike Derby which we will host and be held in International Falls. If you have any questions about these topics, please give District Chairman, **Lois Averill**, a call at (218) 285-7604.

Scout University and Den Chief Training - Voyageurs Area Council is proud to present the 2006 University of Scouting at Fond du Lac College in Cloquet. Look in the Council section of this newsletter for more information.

2007 District Dinner & District Awards

- The 2007 District Dinner will once again be held in March. Currently, a location is being sought out. Scouters are hoping that **Lois Lewis** at Indus School will be able to make the District another great mail for our 2007 festivities. Remember, it is important to think about who the recipients of the Silver Scout and District Award of Merit should be and get those nominations completed and turning in to **Lois Averill** by December 1.

TRADING POST HOURS

8:30 AM—5:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Saturday

Trading Post Closed on Saturday
June-August

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Cub Scout Den Leader Award

Julie Norbie	Gitche Gumees
Dustin Oosten	Gitche Gumees
John Seidel	Gitche Gumees

Webelos Den Leader Award

Laura Alarcon	Sleeping Giant
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Tiger Cub Den Leader Award

Julie Norbie	Gitche Gumees
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Cubmaster Award

Ron Alarcon	Sleeping Giant
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EAGLES' NEST

We are proud to announce that the following Boy Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Voyageurs Area Council since June 2006:

Matthew Johnson	S0106	Hermantown
Austin Warmuth	S4020	Nashwauk
Ethan Wolfe	S0007	Duluth
Todd Kolojeski	S0009	Duluth
Caleb Gillson	S4128	Buyck
Callihan Gibbons	S4041	Cohasset
Peter Anderson	S4030	Bovey
Tucker Kiehn	S0177	Cloquet
Ryan Johns	S0009	Duluth
Rodney Whight	S4001	Iron
Joseph Frauenschuh	S4128	Cook

We congratulate these fine young men on earning Scouting's highest honor.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Council Training Committee Meeting
- 20-22 Law Enforcement Explorer Conference, Spirit Mountain
- 22 Popcorn Sale Ends - Session 1
- 23 Popcorn Orders Due by 10:00 AM - Session 1
- 28 University of Scouting
- 28 Popcorn Sale Begins - Session 2

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 20 Popcorn Sale Ends—Session 2
- 21 Popcorn Orders Due by 10:00 AM - Session 2
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 23-25 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- 30 Council Venture Committee Meeting
- 30 Council Commissioner's Meeting

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2-3 Cold Weather Training @ Northern Tier
- 7 Council Training Committee Meeting
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 23-26 Christmas - Office Closed

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1-2 New Year's - Office Closed
- 8-10 Staff Planning Conference
- 12-14 Winter Conclave
- 13-15 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 16 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Council Venturing Committee Meeting
- 20 Scout Night with Bulldog Hockey (tentative)
- 27 Council Annual Meeting
- 27 Annual Recognition Banquet, DECC

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